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Brown County Association for Home and Community Education Newsletter



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Presidents Letter

Louise Dahlke

This has been a really long year and it will certainly be nice to get together again, hopefully in fall. I've heard there could be more government offices opening soon, so we may be in luck for our Fall events. Thank you to everyone for staying connected with your club members. I do want to thank the clubs and individual members who turned in their reports for Healthy Lifestyle and Impact on HCE for the June 1, 2020 thru May 31, 2021 year. I will have Joan enclose the new June 1, 2021- May 31, 2022 report for Impact on HCE, please start using these now, it will be much easier to total next May. Remember these are to be Hours Spent, Fundraising Activities, Community Outreach (time spent), and Donations **ALL done in the name of HCE**. If you did something as a volunteer for another organization it is not to be included on this report. **You do not have to put your name or any personal information on any of these reports either. It is much easier if the president or a member of your club just sends me a TOTAL for the club.** I know most clubs are already doing it this way, this is just a reminder to everyone. As a reminder, we are not going to have a table at the Brown County Fair, I will put up a display with handouts. If you are planning to go to the State Conference in September remember to call and reserve your room and to send in your reservation, the information in in the May Update. There is not a bus and my car is full, our members will have to arrange their own carpooling. Joyce will take any Cultural Arts entries to State Conference, please contact her with your questions. We have ordered books for our Wisconsin Bookworm program and will finalize if we are reading or not when we have the information from the schools. At this time we will have a Fall Northeast District meeting in Door County on Wednesday October 20th. **NEW DATE for our BCHCE Fall Association meeting is scheduled for Friday October 29th, the only date open for the STEM center, 9:30 a.m.**

Have a great Summer! See you in Fall. Louise

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



July 2021



August 2021



September 2021

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July 5

CLOSED - Extension Brown County Office
Observation of Independence Day

August 13

Registration Deadline
WAHCE State Conference

August 18-22

Brown County Fair
@ Brown County Fair Grounds HCE Fair Booth -
table only with items.

September 7

CLOSED - Extension Brown County Office
Labor Day

September 20-22

WAHCE State Conference
Holiday Inn @ Stevens Point.



Brown County Fair

The Brown County Association for Home and Community Education booth at the 2021 Brown County Fair will not be manned by any people once again like last year. There will be a table of BCHCE items for people passing by to grab for their convenience. The fair runs from Wednesday, August 18th through the 22nd. Brown County Fair site: <https://browncountyfair.com/>

WAHCE State Conference - 2021

Registration Deadline is August 13th.



The Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education State Conference will be at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point, WI September 20, 21, 22.

Registration forms are on the WAHCE state website which you may click the link below takes you to the Brown County Association for Home and Community Education page:

[Brown County » Departments » Extension Brown County » General Information » BCHCE \(browncountywi.gov\)](#)

You'll see a blue button WAHCE State Conference-Click this takes you to the Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education State Conference page

Holiday Luncheon

De Pere Ridge Center Advisor: Marge Hutjens



De Pere Ridge Center is planning a holiday luncheon in November. Although it's many months away I would like to get started now on our community service project, Operation Christmas Child, through Giving is Good, Inc.; a list of items is below. For those of you who sew, maybe you could make some drawstring bags, if you knit or crochet maybe you could make wash cloths, regular acrylic washable yarn or cream & sugar can be used. Something as simple as a shoe box is needed. Any questions call Marge Hutjens (phone number on cover).

Shoebbox Gifts for Children

- * Pencils, sharpeners, paper pads, notebooks (spiral or journal)
- * Crayons, coloring books
- * Hot Wheel cars
- * Dolls (small)
- * Marbles (package)
- * Lego sets (bulk Lego sets break down into small bags)
- * Washcloths (crochet/knit)
- * Soap (bar, not liquid)
- * Sock pairs (sm. adult/lg. youth, any kind)
- * Bags (drawstring or fold up bags)
- * Clothespins
- * Shoeboxes

Watch for school supply sales in July or August!



July/August 2021

Title Town Days for Girls

Marion Van Dreel (Ledgeviewers club)

Northeast District International Coordinator

Title Town Days for Girls is a program in Brown County that connects to a worldwide international outlet for girls in the third world countries that are in need of girls "that time of the month" products. The photo (right) shows items that are made, produced like on an assembly line at the Church for Latter Day Saints on the East side of Green Bay. We are reaching out not to just Brown County HCE members, but to all of the Northeast District counties to perhaps participate in this predicament found world wide. For some insight, visit their Facebook page, <https://pl-pl.facebook.com/groups/294686267408159/>



WAHCE Spring Northeast District Meeting-Report

Submitted by Joyce Grulke (East River club)

The WAHCE Spring Northeast District Meeting, hosted by Calumet County, was held on April 22, 2021 at Cobblestone Creek, Brillion, Wisconsin. Attendees from Brown County included Louise Dahlke, Marilyn Quirk, Shirley Nooyen, Marion Van Dreel, Arlene Miller, and Joyce Grulke.

Following the business meeting and marketing presentation, Marilyn Herman presented her talk on "Butterflies: Symbol of Life and Hope".

Wisconsin has over 100 species of butterflies. You can identify and track your butterfly sightings in Brown County at <https://wisconsinbutterflies.org/butterfly/counties/Brown>.

The average lifespan of a butterfly is one month. There is no butterfly nose, but their antennae catch scent. The tips of their legs "taste" the leaf they are standing on. Butterflies "hear" when membranes in their wings vibrate. They can migrate up to 300 miles a day. A group of butterflies is called a Kaleidoscope.

After lunch, round table discussions were held on Wisconsin Bookworms, Membership, International, and Marketing. A beautiful beaded pendant was made by some attendees.

The Fall District Meeting will be held on October 20 at Bay View Lutheran church in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

Each person attending the State Conference in Stevens Point, Wisconsin on September 20-22, will receive a \$5.00 voucher for Market Place.

Each district will give a scholarship for the convention. Notify Terry Madden by July 31 to get your name in for the drawing



International

Shirley Nooyen

We'd love to hear about your exciting adventures. If you'd like to share your travel story, please email... Safe travels!



Green Bay East Center Report

Center Advisor: Joyce Grulke



"In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. That means we have 1, 440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact."
Les Brown, Author

East River: East River members contributed to the BCHCE food drive and items collected were donated to Paul's Pantry. Dorothy Van Bellinger, Betty Michiels, and Joyce Grulke made and donated two tie blankets for the Linus Project. Members are anxious to get together again soon. Several of our members have health issues. Keep them and all our clubs' members in your thoughts.

Sweet Peas: The Sweet Pea club enjoyed meeting at members patios; the April meeting we talked about Earth Day and how we can help the environment with re-cycling, reusing, etc. A sample of a "plastic less" laundry detergent was discussed "Zero Waste Ultra Laundry Detergent Strip" purchased from Well Earth Goods. "Shoes for the Shoeless" also discussed – local site (3 members have donated so far). "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" has local connections building beds for youngsters without beds where there is opportunity to help out. Twin size bedding collected and donated by members. In May we reviewed the newsletter and plan to shop for the gifts for the shoe box project, to be collected at Holiday Luncheon. We all received "sweet pea" flower seeds from Betty Gilb. We compared how they were growing. We completed and mailed the forms HCE Healthy Lifestyle and HCE Impact. We discussed the cultural arts project and WAHCE State Conference. Our member donated food to their church pantries. We enjoy being together and plan to meet each month. Anyone wishing more information on projects listed above may contact me, Marlene Bergum, (920) 336-7472.

Individuals:

Shirley Nooyen planted a lilac bush at the Brown County Stem Innovation Center for Earth Day. In attendance was Marion Van Dreel, Louise Dahlke, and her three grandchildren, my husband Bernie Nooyen and our grandson Cooper, Judy Knudsen and myself. Cooper and myself picked the trash along our road. I attended the East District meeting in Hollandtown. Also, donated one blanket for Project Linus.

Erika Schweiner donated shoes to, Shoes for the Shoeless-Sweet Peas club initiated and took up a collection of shoes to give to Shoe Repair Plus in Ashwaubenon, who then gives the gently used shoes to, Shoes for the Shoeless (photos right).

Joan Laehn donated items of canned goods, rice and noodles to the Food Drive in March; made and donated one blanket to Project Linus; also dropped off the collected Project Linus blankets to the organization in Green Bay. Sent out HCE Impact & Healthy Lifestyle forms. Entered "Safe Harbor" an acrylic painting for the WAHCE 2021 Cultural & Textile Arts Show this September at the WAHCE State Conference.

Shoes for the Shoeless

Submitted by Joan Laehn (Individual)

Marlene Bergum, Sweet Peas club brought this to my attention and I thought I'd pass it on to everyone. This program, Shoes for the Shoeless, was something the HCE club Sweet Peas participated in doing, and I in turn told Erika about it after seeing all the shoes she cleaned out this spring by her family that did not get sold at the spring rummage sale. *Thank you* Marlene Bergum and the Sweet Peas for their insight to another community service in Brown County.



Shoes for the Shoeless - History of the Program

The Shoes for the Shoeless program started as a way for shoe repair shops nationwide to do something productive with shoes that had been dropped off for repair but never picked up. We were very successful as we collected thousands of pairs of shoes to help disaster victims, the homeless and others in need.

In fact, the Shoes for the Shoeless program was so successful that the American Society of Association Executives presented Shoe Service Institute of America's (SSIA) with an Associations Advance America Award for Excellence for its contribution to the community.

We have expanded the program to reach out to the public. We have combined forces with a branch of the American Red Cross to create a nationwide collection and distribution network.

Shoes for the Shoeless - Shoe Repair Plus, in Ashwaubenon, are proudly participating in the Shoe Service Institute of America's (SSIA) Shoes for the Shoeless program. Shoe Service Institute of America's (SSIA) is a nationwide effort to get unwanted, but wearable footwear out of America's closets and onto the feet of those who need them.

If you have wearable shoes that are gathering dust in your closet, please bring them to our store. We will put the shoes back in service, and someone who might otherwise have to spend the winter without a pair of shoes will benefit from your generosity. **Shoe Repair Plus** is located at 862 Morris Ave., Ashwaubenon and open Monday - Friday; 8:00 am -5:00 pm



Shoes for the Shoeless donation - Erika Schweiner's family donated 2 bags of shoes for Shoes for the Shoeless.





WI / Nicaragua Partners

Submitted by Jan Coenen, Lucky Pennies

Brown County Association for Home and Community Education and De Pere Christian Outreach

The COVID-19 epidemic has changed our lives in many ways. De Pere Christian Outreach closed the door to the public on March 17, 2020. Volunteers could work on a limited time schedule in June preparing the store opening on July 6, 2020. The store opening was limited, as well as the number of people in the store. Temperature taking at the door and mask wearing was required as well as social distancing. Donations were quarantined. We continued to collect donations and sanitizing hands where in effect.

Wow! On April 13, 2021 a donation of 13 sewing machines were picked up by Jim, also 8 ironing boards. On April 15, 2021, Erv and I made a donation trip to the warehouse in Stevens Point; Thursday was a work day for their volunteers. Two large trailer loads of fire safety equipment came to the warehouse, as well as our donation.

Donation Summary:

- ♦ 13 sewing machines - \$210.00
(Jim took these for inspection, repair or parts)
- 3 cabinets - \$20.00@ (60.00)
- 10 others - \$15.00@ (150.00)
- ♦ 6 ironing boards (reg.) \$3@ - \$18.00
- ♦ 2 ironing boards (sm.) \$2@ - \$4.00
- ♦ 1 box sewing machine parts/instruction - \$25.00
- ♦ 58 boxes fabric - \$2030.00
- ♦ 12 boxes sewing notions/crafts - \$240.00
- ♦ 2 boxes craft patterns \$15@ - \$30.00

Grand Total: \$2557.00

As you can see these prices are based on thrift store prices. Erv and I helped pack the donations in totes ready for shipment. Brown County Association for Home and Community Education donated \$150.00 for transportation cost.

What a great group of people to work with, friendly, energetic, and well organized to "get the job done"!

P.S. Please, if you seal boxes, label what is in them using the guide above. Thank you.



WI / Nicaragua Partners



Although we at W/NP are writing this thank you note, there are many people that will be touched by your gracious and supportive efforts who wish they could personally express their gratitude.

April 22, 2021

Dear Brown County WAHCE,

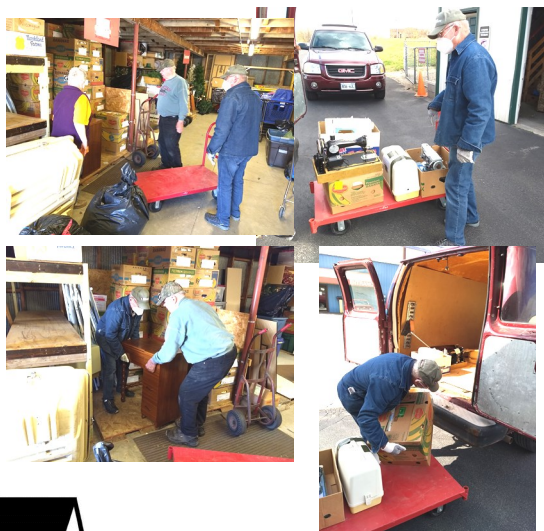
On behalf of the Board of Directors of Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of the Americas, Inc., I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your 4/13/21 donation of \$150.00 to W/NP.

By showing your support for this organization you have linked arms with hundreds of others who are working together to make a difference both here in the United States and in Nicaragua.

All contributions to W/NP are tax deductible to the extent that the U.S. Internal Revenue Service allows. No goods or services were given for this contribution. **Please keep this document for your tax records.**

Sincerely,

Keith A. Roeske
Treasurer



**Tuesday, April 13, 2021
De Pere Christian Outreach - De Pere**



In the barn ready to pack.



Dave and Jim carry a cabinet machine.



Old machines are heavy.



Dave putting machines in van.

**Thursday, April 15, 2021
De Pere Christian Outreach - De Pere**



(Left) Cory and Erv pack the trailer and the van gets packed too (right).



**Thursday, April 15, 2021
WI / Nicaragua Partners Warehouse - Stevens Point**



Above: Banana boxes are "great"!

Below: Amy and Jan looking at report from Nicaragua.



Above: Totes being packed as Jan checks donation.

Below: Volunteers labeling and filling totes.



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Citizenship Shirley Nooyen

We celebrated the spirit of Arbor or Earth day.

- In 1970 an estimate of 20 million people across the United State took part in the 1st Earth Day.
- Gaylord Nelson founded **Earth Day** while he **was** working as a US senator.
- **Earth Day was renamed** officially by the UN in **2009** as International Mother **Earth Day**, April 22, 2009 the United States nations recognized Earth Day or sometimes we say Arbor Day.

Trees clear the air and absorb carbon dioxide emissions which slows the climate change and protect our water supply. They add to the value and shade our homes, so we use less energy to cool our homes and buildings. A forest of trees provides a habitat for millions of species, so we don't loss our native animals and birds. Trees are priceless to the Earth for our future; therefore, we need to replace the ones we've lost. We need to educate ourselves by stop polluting our soil, our lakes, rivers, parks, beaches, streets, and our land in any way possible. We can do this by not adding chemicals to our soil and throwing away plastics, any glass products, any metals, and all papers. We need to educate ourselves to recycle and stop polluting our earth. We certainly don't want to lose our native animals and our birds. So, let's be kind to our planet.

We each can make a positive contribution to a better tomorrow by recycling products and planting trees.

On Friday, April 23, 2021 at 3:45 pm, Brown County Association for Home and Community Education planted a lilac bush at the Brown County STEM Innovation Center and a plaque. Three photos show various stages of the planting. Those present Judy Knudsen, Louise Dahlke and grandchildren Gus, Samuel, and Madeline, Marion Van Dreel, Bernie Nooyen, grandchild Cooper and myself.

Mission Statement of the Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education

HCE Offers Opportunities for:

- * Learning in a social setting
- * Sharing what we learn
- * Caring to make a difference in our homes, communities and the world

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Bernie and Cooper dug the hole for Earth Day lilac bush.



Louise Dahlke watching Samuel, Gus, Madeline Dahlke and Judy Knutson covering the bush with ground.



It was wonderful to see how interested the children were. Gus and Madeline watering the lilac. Also in attendance was Marion Van Dreel and myself.



On behalf of the Brown County STEM Innovation Center, we want to thank the Brown County Association for Home and Community Education for the donation of the lilac bush. It is growing and doing well. Also, thank you for providing assistance in planting this bush.



Project Linus-Children Blankets

A HUGE THANK YOU!!

To all the HCE members who contributed their time and donation(s) in completing numerous homemade tie and quilted blankets. A surprising **12** blankets in total were collected. The blankets were collected the month of May. All the homemade blankets were taken to the office of Project Linus on Saturday morning of June 5th in Green Bay. I asked Jill Kirsch, Green Bay Coordinator of Project Linus, to give a little information about Project Linus and here are a few tidbits:

- Project Linus was established in 1995
- There are over 300 chapters throughout the United States
- The Green Bay Project Linus chapter began in 1999
- Jill Kirsch became the coordinator in 2004
- Project Linus group meets once a month (usually the 1st Saturday)
- Drop off locations include, JoAnn Fabrics and three fire stations in Green Bay

In 2020, 200 blankets were distributed to schools and family services, there seemed to be a rash of domestic violence during the COVID pandemic outbreak.

Also, area hospitals are receiving blankets for their pediatric cancer patients.

I thanked the Project Linus group for their hard work and all they do to keep the children in this community and northeast Wisconsin secure with a blanket. I did ask if nursing homes would one day be included as recipients of blankets, but Project Linus is for the children. Thank you again to all the HCE members for contributing so much time and energy for all you do in our community in various ways.

A total of 12 blankets



Jill Kirsch, Project Linus coordinator, with the 12 donated HCE blankets.

Project Linus group making minor adjustments to some blankets.



Thank you Thank you



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